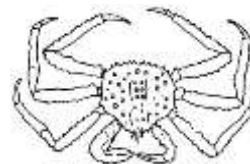

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COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT

ICY STRAIT AREA CLOSURE

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Icy Strait Area will close at 12:00 noon, **Tuesday, April 23, 2013.**

Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, harvest, as of the closure date, is expected to fall short of the 30,000-pound guideline harvest level for the Icy Strait Area. The department will continue to monitor golden king crab harvest levels in the six remaining open areas. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days after the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Icy Strait Area no later than 12:00 noon, April 28, 2013.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0513.

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